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Adam Fieled (editor, Philadelphia, Pa): Apparition Poem #1613

#1613

Follow Abraham up the hill:
to the extent that the hill is
constituted already by kinds
of knives, to what extent can
a man go up a hill, shepherd
a son to be sacrificed, to be
worthy before an almighty
power that may or may not
have had conscious intentions

where hills, knives, sons were
concerned, but how, as I watch
this, can I not feel that Abraham,
by braving knives, does not need
the one he holds in his rapt hands?

c. 2010

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Adam Fieled (editor, Philadelphia, USA): "Ode: On Exile"

No bells strike at Saint Matthews; midnight
means lights out; across Fayette Street, windows
send slow signals; but for hope of daylight,
no means of evoking, painted or not, halos.
Occasional cars; the 7-11 parking lot empties
not completely, the night crew forced to spill
laced coffee, pills, down throats, past painted
faces reflecting gloom, as they plan candies
passed around to kill behind, enemies
locked in basements, unwilling dross killed.

Dull, dense, reptile-laden world- nature's phantom
side, scarred with imperatives to destroy- I
stride past Calvary Episcopal, its handsome,
enchanted spires, trying to forge a "who" and "why."
Caravaggio's John the Baptist, crouched darkly
in murk, I superimpose on Conshohocken at
night, including the succession into severed head-
knowing that in there (7-11), warnings sharply
uttered mean nothing, less than nothing at that,
humanity is lost, then its corpse is bled.

This is not the world I was born for- Butler
Pike, a Honda pulls into the abandoned
Dairy Queen lot, the young male driver scuttles
out into the apartment complex, fear-flattened-
as to what John Milton would say about these
suburban straits, everyone changing form
like Satan, a poet singed by lost innocence
up all night on his own pills, thoughts, caffeine-
I divine he knew all this, putrid fires warmed
to kill brains, rigid rules passed on, idiot to idiot.

c. 2015

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